

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 28. Please add claims 63 – 85.

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for software control, comprising:
2 displaying a graphic representing a set of one or more computer functions on a
3 portion of a touch-sensitive screen, wherein the touch-sensitive screen is
4 coupled to at least one processor to detect and interpret contact with the
5 screen;
6 detecting a first sequence of one or more contacts caused by a user drawing a first
7 drawing with a user-controlled object on the portion of the screen;
8 in response to detecting a first sequence:
9 matching the first sequence to a particular action in a set of actions; and
10 performing the particular action;
11 detecting a second sequence of one or more contacts caused by the user drawing a
12 second drawing with the user-controlled object on the portion of the
13 screen;
14 in response to detecting a second sequence:
15 matching the second sequence to a second action in a set of actions; and
16 performing the second action;
17 wherein the visual appearance of the graphic is the same when the user
18 commences drawing the first drawing and commences drawing the second
19 drawing.

1 2 - 4. (Canceled)

1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence of contacts
2 is applied within an area that is smaller than an area of the graphic.

- 1 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first drawing is an
2 alphabet character.
- 1 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence includes a
2 gesture that is in a circular form.
- 1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence includes a
2 gesture that is in a polygonal form.
- 1 9. (Canceled)
- 1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 performing the particular action includes presenting a set of graphics to the user
3 on the screen; and
4 the graphics provide a plurality of user-selectable software options.
- 1 11. (Canceled)
- 1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular action
2 corresponds to transmitting data by generating a signal emanating from the
3 radiation emitter.
- 1 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the radiation emitter is an optical
2 radiation emitter.
- 1 14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the radiation emitter is a radio
2 frequency radiation emitter.

1 15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the radiation emitter is an microwave
2 radiation emitter.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the radiation emitter is coupled to a
2 computer network.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the radiation emitter is coupled to a
2 telephone network.

3 18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the radiation emitter is coupled to a
4 computer network.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the radiation emitter is coupled to a
2 telephone network.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein performing the particular
2 action includes performing an operating system function in response to
3 interpreting the sequence.

1 21. (Canceled)

1 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein performing an operating
2 system function includes deleting one or more software applications from a
3 memory of the handheld computer.

1 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein deleting one or more
2 software applications from a memory includes deleting the software applications
3 from a non-volatile storage memory.

1 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein deleting one or more
2 software applications from a memory includes deleting the software applications
3 from a random access memory.

1 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein deleting one or more
2 software applications from a memory includes deleting the software applications
3 from a memory that is readable by a magnetic memory reader.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein deleting one or more
2 software applications from a memory includes deleting the software applications
3 from a memory that is readable by an optical memory reader.

1 27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer comprising:
2 a touch-sensitive screen coupled to at least one processor to detect and interpret
3 contact with the screen;
4 said processor configured for:
5 displaying a graphic representing a set of one or more computer functions on a
6 portion of a touch-sensitive screen;
7 detecting a first sequence of one or more contacts caused by a user drawing a first
8 drawing with a user-controlled object on the portion of the screen;
9 in response to detecting a first sequence:
10 matching the first sequence to a particular action in a set of actions; and
11 performing the particular action;

12 detecting a second sequence of one or more contacts caused by the user drawing a
 13 second drawing with the user-controlled object on the portion of the
 14 screen;
 15 in response to detecting a second sequence:
 16 matching the second sequence to a second action in a set of actions; and
 17 performing the second action; ~~and~~;
 18 wherein the visual appearance of the graphic is the same when the user
 19 commences drawing the first drawing and commences drawing the second
 20 drawing.

1 29. (Canceled)

Cl 1 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying a graphic
 2 includes displaying a computer-generated icon on the screen.

Cmt 1 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying a graphic
 2 includes permanently displaying the graphic on the screen.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein performing the particular
 2 action includes interpreting the sequence as a selection to launch one of a plurality
 3 of applications on the handheld computer.

1 33. – 43. (Canceled).

1 44. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein the sequence
 2 of contacts is applied within an area that is smaller than an area of the graphic.

1 45. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein the first
 2 drawing is an alphabet character.

1 46. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein the sequence
2 includes a gesture that is in a circular form.

1 47. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein the sequence
2 includes a gesture that is in a polygonal form.

1 48. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein:
2 performing the particular action includes presenting a set of graphics to the user
3 on the screen; and
4 the graphics provide a plurality of user-selectable software options.

1 49. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein the
2 particular action corresponds to transmitting data by generating a signal
3 emanating from the radiation emitter.

1 50. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 49, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is an optical radiation emitter.

1 51. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 49, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is a radio frequency radiation emitter.

1 52. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 49, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is an microwave radiation emitter.

1 53. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 49, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is coupled to a computer network.

1 54. (New) The handheld computer of claim 52, wherein the radiation emitter is
2 coupled to a telephone network.

1 55. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 52, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is coupled to a computer network.

1 56. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 49, wherein the radiation
2 emitter is coupled to a telephone network.

1 57. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 28, wherein performing
2 the particular action includes performing an operating system function in response
3 to interpreting the sequence.

1 58. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 57, wherein performing
2 an operating system function includes deleting one or more software applications
3 from a memory of the handheld computer.

1 59. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 58, wherein deleting one
2 or more software applications from a memory includes deleting the software
3 applications from a non-volatile storage memory.

1 60. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 58, wherein deleting one
2 or more software applications from a memory includes deleting the software
3 applications from a random access memory.

1 61. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 58, wherein deleting one
2 or more software applications from a memory includes deleting the software
3 applications from a memory that is readable by a magnetic memory reader.

1 62. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 58, wherein deleting one
2 or more software applications from a memory includes deleting the software
3 applications from a memory that is readable by an optical memory reader.

1 63. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 1.

1 64. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5.

1 65. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6.

1 66. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7.

1 67. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.

1 68. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.

1 69. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 12.

1 70. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 13.

1 71. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 14.

1 72. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 15.

1 73. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 16.

1 74. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 17.

1 75. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 18.

1 76. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 19.

1 77. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 20.

1 78. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 22.

1 79. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 23.

1 80. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 24.

1 81. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 25.

1 82. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 26.

1 83. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 30.

1 84. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 31.

1 85. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 32.
